

**Media Advisory**  
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**President approves federal public assistance**

INDIANAPOLIS - Governor Mitch Daniels received notification tonight that President Barack Obama has approved federal assistance for state and local governments and certain non-profit organizations in five counties for damage sustained from tornadoes and severe storms that struck between February 29 and March 3.

The following counties were approved: Clark, Jefferson, Ripley, Scott and Washington.

Public Assistance means that means state and local governments and certain non-profit organizations in the designated counties are eligible to apply for federal assistance to pay 75 percent of the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities.

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